

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Bernhard Lettmann

Serial No.: 10/018,336

Filed: October 30, 2001

For:
AQUEOUS COATING MATERIAL AND
MODULAR SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING
SAME

Group Art Unit:
1796

Examiner: Olga Asinovsky

Confirmation No.: 2515

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being submitted by EFS-Web as an eFiled Response, addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on January 12, 2009.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This is in response to the Advisory Action of December 24, 2008, wherein pending claims 3, 18-19, 21-22, 25-26, and 28 were the subject of the final rejection of September 11, 2008. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. This Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The shortened statutory period for response expired on December 11, 2008. Accordingly, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136 or other applicable rule to have the response period extended one month in order to have the instant communication timely entered. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is also attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 06-1130 the necessary extension fees identified in the attached Petition and any other fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Please refer to the claims as set forth below.